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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MEETING DECEMBER 17 (SALT TWO-880)

1. SEMENOV'S STATEMENT TODAY WAS AN UNEXCEPTIONAL BRIEF RECAPITULATION OF THE WORK OF THIS SESSION, AND MY STATEMENT ONLY SUGGESTED CHIEFS OF DELEGATION APPROVAL (AD REFERENDUM) OF GOVERNMENTS OF ARTICLE XIX (OLD ARTICLE XX) (COMING INTO EFFECT) AND GAVE CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH DELEGATIONS ON WORK THAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

2. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION, SEMENOV MADE STATEMENT FROM WRITTEN NOTES REITERATING THEIR POSITION ON IMPORTANCE OF U.S. MAKING UNILATERAL STATEMENT WHICH THEY HAD PROPOSED FOR ARTICLE XII (OLD ARTICLE XIII) ON FBS AND THEIR INTENTION TO "RAISE FBS" IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS HELD UNDER ARTICLE XV (OLD ARTICLE XVI). I SAID THAT "I HEARD WHAT HE SAID" AND WOULD CONFINE MYSELF TO REPLYING THAT I DID NOT THINK "THAT THIS HELPED MOVE US FORWARD".

3. WE HAD A LONG AND INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION (WHICH WE
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MUTUALLY AGREED TO CONTINUE AT OUR CHIEFS OF DELEGATION PRIVATE

MEETING TOMORROW) ON A TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT CREATED YESTERDAY BY THE SOVIETS IN THE SUB-DRAFTING GROUP IN CONFORMING THE TEXT OF PARA 3 OF ARTICLE II OVER WHETHER A RUSSIAN PHRASE SHOULD BE TRANSLATED AS "NEW AIRCRAFT BEING OR TO BE DEVELOPED" OR RATHER SHOULD BE TRANSLATED, AS SOVIETS INSIST, SIMPLY AS "TO BE DEVELOPED."

4. IN THEIR CONVERSATION WITH ROWNY, TRUSOV AND BELETSKY CITED OUR POSITIONS ON BOMBER VARIANTS, ICBM LAUNCHERS "WHICH CAN BE USED FOR" ICBMS AND BACKFIRE AS EFFORTS ON OUR PART TO RAISE COUNT OF SOVIET SYSTEMS TO BE LIMITED. IN AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION, SOVIETS DID NOT MAKE ANY PROPOSALS FOR RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS WE HAVE RAISED.

5. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE THIS MEETING.

6. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1976, AT THE USSR MISSION. JOHNSON

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